



BAJA MOUNTAIN BLISS

Trip Summary

HIGHLIGHTS

- Let your worries melt away with a day on the beach
- Relish delicious local food
- Learn about the flora and fauna that inhabit this protected area
- Hike through diverse ecosystems
- Horseback riding in a beautiful sierran environment
- Stay in family run lodges

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TRIP AT A GLANCE

Location: Mexico Activities: Multisport

Arrive: Fly into Los Cabos International Airport/San Jose del Cabo (SJD) by

2PM

Depart: Once we've had breakfast and checked out of the inn, we'll be

transported back to the Los Cabos International Airport/San Jose del

Cabo (SJD) in time for flights after 1PM

Trip Overview

Baja Bliss! Baja California Sur is a gorgeous region of Mexico, with white sandy beaches, moderate temperatures and incredible flora and fauna, there is something for everyone. We'll have a day to enjoy the beach before heading to our luxury tent camp in a bioreserve. Each day will be filled with a choose your own adventure schedule, as packed to the gills or as low key as you'd like it to be. This is the perfect vacation for anyone looking to unwind and relax and experience another culture. Maximum group size: 12

Rating

This trip is designed for women in good condition who want an active vacation in a warm winter environment. Our days are full, although there is time to relax built into each one and also the option to opt out of some activities if you want more downtime. No hiking or horseback riding experience necessary. **Rating:** [1] 2 3 4 5.

What's Included

- All transportation during itinerary including roundtrip airport transfer
- All accommodations including 3 nights at the Los Colibris Casitas and 3 nights at Camp Cecil de la Sierra
- All meals from dinner on day I through breakfast on final day
- Daily happy hour in the Sierras (while at Camp Cecil)
- All activities as described on the itinerary and related gear
- Local bilingual naturalist guides who are certified Wilderness First Responders, NOM-9 graduates and Leave No Trace certified
- Entrance fees and permits

What's not included: Travel to and from Mexico, alcoholic beverages (outside of happy hours in the Sierras), snacks, guide gratuities, and travel insurance.

OUR ITINERARY

Below is the itinerary we have planned for the trip. As is true on any adventure travel trip, plans for any specific day may be modified due to weather considerations, unforeseen circumstances, new opportunities, and group interests.

DAY 1

Bienvenidas a Mexico! Fly into Los Cabos International Airport/San Jose del Cabo (SJD) by 2PM where you'll be met by our local guides and transferred to our home away from home for the next two nights, Los Colibris Casitas. With "the most stunning view in Todos Santos", Los Colibris Casitas is perfect for nature lovers who appreciate both beauty and tranquility. Once settled at the Casitas, we'll go out for our first group dinner at a local restaurant. During dinner our guides will go over logistics for the week and a safety orientation. (D)

Overnight: Los Colibris Casitas

DAY 2

Nestled between lush tropical vegetation on one side and a dry mountainous desert on the other, Todos Santos is a small town with big appeal. Our lodging provides a perfect view of the Pacific Ocean, where we may even see whales breaching and splashing in the distance! After a delicious breakfast, we'll board small fishing boats to observe whales from the water. Each year the magnificent gray whales migrate 6,000 miles south from the Bering Sea to mate and give birth in the warm water lagoons of the Baja peninsula. They are truly magnificent creatures to behold! In the afternoon we'll drive to Los Cerritos, one of the best beaches in Baja California Sur. A crescent shaped beach with crystal clear waters and a smooth sandy bottom, it's the perfect place to swim, float, lounge, or go for a stroll. There are even massages available beach side to help you start your vacation off right!

In the evening we'll have a Mexican Cooking Class with local Chef Iker Algorri, the author of Cooking Adventures in Baja California Sur. Learn to make the perfect margarita and gain the skill to make some truly memorable Mexican dishes following Chef Iker's cooking philosophy, the "Magnificence of Simplicity" The best part about a cooking class? Getting to eat our new recipes! (B, L, D) Overnight: Los Colibris Casitas

DAY 3

Camp Cecil de la Sierra is a luxury tent camp situated in a peaceful mango, avocado and grapefruit grove in the Sierra La Laguna Biosphere Reserve. The road to get there is adventurous and bumpy but so worth it! The camp sits on the property of a local ranching family and highlights both the cultural and natural heritage of the mountains. The family is an integral part of the experience; learn how the delicious cheese and soft tortillas we'll eat here are made by hand and soak up knowledge about the biosphere reserve from the people who know it best. Please note: we spend the middle portion of the trip in the mountains. If you would prefer more beach time, check out our other trip - Baja Beach Bliss.

Covering almost 30,000 acres, the Reserve is one of Baja's most beautiful but least explored areas. Many of its plants and animals are not found anywhere else on the planet, including 79 endemic plant species, 8 endemic reptile species, 4 endemic bird species, and 4 endemic mammal species. While here we'll get to hike, swim in water holes with great views of the Pacific Ocean and picnic by peaceful waterfalls. There is fantastic birding in the early mornings, incredible stargazing at night and endless opportunities for wonder and relaxation in between (Another margarita, anyone?). Tonight is our first of 3 nights in luxury tents (see accommodations descriptions for details) (B, L, D) Overnight: Camp Cecil de la Sierra

DAY 4

Nothing like a quiet sunrise in paradise! Today you are welcome to opt in or out of any activities today – you're on vacation! Perhaps you'll join us for some early bird watching around camp or stretch your legs on a hike. There is horseback riding available for cowgirls that feel comfortable in the saddle. Please note: there is no formal instruction given prior to riding so this activity is best for people who have ridden horseback previously. If you're interested in learning how to horseback ride, check out our other trip: Living the Cowgirl Life.

In the afternoon we'll all enjoy happy hour in the huerta (or garden) before a filling traditional meal. Tonight, we lounge under a blanket of mountain stars - all in all, a magnificent day. (B, L, D) Overnight: Camp Cecil de la Sierra

DAY 5

Similar to yesterday, today you have the option of doing as much or as little as you please in terms of organized activities. One of the hikes leads to a lovely swimming hole and another to incredible views. At some point during our visit, Chito, the owner of the ranch, will conduct a leather working workshop. Using the tools he inherited from his father and the patience of a man well trained in his craft, Chito will show us the ins and outs of this time-honored tradition. Chito's mother Angela will also teach us how to make dulces, or sweets, in the customary manner. The ranchers of Baja California Sur have passed these skills down through multiple generations and the workshops are not only fun, but a great way to participate in this living history. (B, L, D) Overnight: Camp Cecil de la Sierra

DAY 6

After a final hearty mountain breakfast, we'll make the journey back from the Sierras to Todos Santos. Staying at Los Colibris Casitas again, we'll have the afternoon free to relax in the swimming pool or walk down to the beach. (The downtown area of Todos Santos is a 15-minute walk from the hotel. If you'd like to explore the town more, we recommend arriving a day early or leaving a day late!) Over dinner we'll toast to an incredible week in paradise. (B, L, D). Overnight: Los Colibris Casitas

DAY 7

Last morning in paradise, time to soak up the birdsong, waves crashing and breathtaking beauty of this incredible gem before we leave. Once we've had breakfast and checked out of the inn, we'll be transported back to the Los Cabos International Airport/San Jose del Cabo (SJD) in time for flights after 1PM. (B)

Additional Trip Information

Getting There

Plan to arrive at the Los Cabos International Airport/San Jose del Cabo (SJD) by 2PM on Day 1.

- On Day 1, you will be met at the airport by our local guides and transported as a group to our lodging.
- If you arrive prior to Day 1, transportation from the airport is not included and you should plan to meet us at Los Colibris Casitas by 4PM on Day 1. If you have the time, it can be a good idea to arrive in Mexico one day before the trip begins, particularly if your international flight connections are tight or you are departing from a region where it is likely that bad weather may cause flight delays.
- The group will gather at Los Colibris Casitas by 4PM on the first day.

If you would like assistance with airfare, we recommend contacting our AirDesk Partner, Exito Travel. Start by submitting this form. Just fill in your dates and destinations, including any additional notes about preferred carriers, class of service, possible stopovers, etc., and an agent will typically respond via email within a few hours. If you prefer to call, the number is 800-655-4053; be sure to tell them you are traveling with Adventures in Good Company.

Please note: Most of the international airlines are in-network for Exito, so they do not charge extra for their services (and often have access to discounted rates). When necessary, processing fees out-of-network carriers are minimal at around \$35-\$50 per ticket.

Accommodations

All accommodations on Baja Bliss are shared, there are no single supplements available. Three nights will be spent at Los Colibris Casitas. With "the most stunning view in Todos Santos", Los Colibris Casitas is perfect for nature lovers who appreciate both beauty and tranquility. Every room has a magnificent view of the Pacific Ocean, a freshwater estuary and a palm grove oasis to the front, and the Sierra de la Laguna mountains to the side and back. From your casita you can watch fishermen cast their nets on the beach in the early morning light, enjoy the magnificent Baja sunset in the evening, and delight in the vast expanse of a star-filled sky at night. Los Colibris is just a 10-minute walk to 70 miles of pristine, virtually empty beach, and a 5-minute drive to the delightful restaurants, galleries and shops of Todos Santos.

Three nights will be spent at Camp Cecil in the Sierra La Laguna Biosphere Reserve in the mountains that form the spine of the peninsula. At Camp Cecil you can experience the luxury of Baja Sur's pristine wilderness while also enjoying "glamping" (glamorous camping) with real beds, soft linens, lovely furnishings, chef-prepared meals, and daily happy hour.

Travel Insurance

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